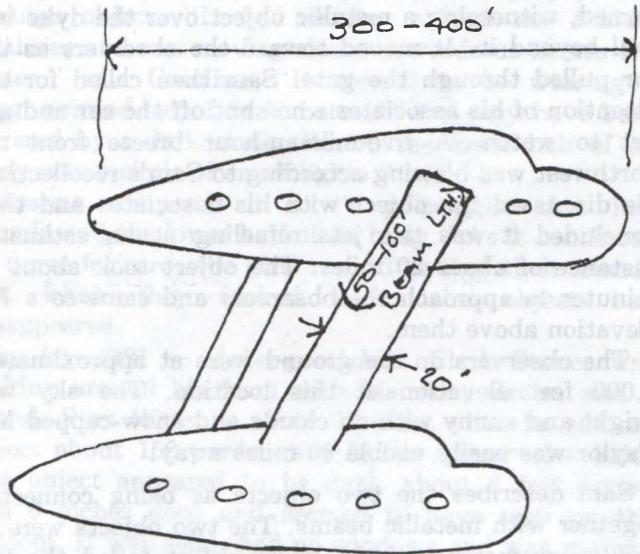


NEW MEXICO REPEAT REPORTS



New Mexico, 1958 — See Report at Right

UFO SCOFFER OBERG AND HIS "YARDSTICK"

September 1981, by Richard W. Heiden

During the past few years, James Oberg has beat the subject of supposed UFO sightings by astronauts to death, and then some. (Though, curiously, I have yet to see him say a word about the documented sightings by astronauts before they joined NASA.) Oberg's rationale for doing this is (to quote from his anti-UFO column in the Feb. 1981 issue of *Omni* magazine) that "the 'astronaut UFO cases' can still play an important part in any assessment of the UFO scene . . . in determining the reliability of UFO books and magazines." If a publication has such accounts, "there is a strong indication that the author either doesn't know, doesn't care about, or probably doesn't want readers to know the truth behind these tales. The same therefore probably goes for the other UFO stories in such publications."

So how does Oberg himself measure up to the yardstick (as he calls it) of being accurate and careful in writing about those things that can be checked? Not very well.

In Oberg's March 1979 *Omni* column, which

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by Robert E. Engberg, P.E.

BACKGROUND OF THE WITNESS

Sam Jones currently resides in Bingham, New Mexico. He is 66 years old. Sam was born in San Angelo, Texas on June 9, 1915. His basic education consists of five years of school at Pomona, California and he lacks two course credits to graduate from that high school. He studied both engineering and avionics from various technical groups in Pomona, California. He has also completed two engineering courses which were sponsored by the Peerless Pump Company and he has completed the first eight courses in mining from Globe Uranium Company of Casper, Wyoming. Globe Uranium Company is a subsidiary of Union Carbide for which he worked for seven months as a heavy equipment operator in open pit mining. He currently works in a lead mining operation at Bingham and has been there for 17 months. Sam retired at age 62 and has pension status from both Social Security and the Army.

FIRST SIGHTING

The first sighting that Sam described took place near Golden, New Mexico in August 1951 at 1:30 p.m. At that time, Sam was working for the Griffin Stone Works and the sighting occurred while he was on New Mexico's State Route #10, five miles north of Golden.

Golden, New Mexico is well known as a gold mining town. It is on the east side of the Sandia Mountains. Sam was alone in a semitruck loaded with quarried stone. He had stopped along this road to routinely check tires for air and any load shifting. He was on a paved road heading south and had started on route 10 in Canyon. The object was first noticed almost directly overhead. It appeared to be of a bright metallic color and was cigar shaped. The proportions of the object Sam describes as nearly that of a Roitan Cigar held at arm's length. The day was perfectly clear and Sam had no clouds for a reference in estimating the distance of the object. He further described the object as motionless, at about 88° vertical pointing horizontally in the north-northeast direction. The stainless steel color reflected sunlight but no other internal illumination was present. No openings, ports, seams, and the like were discernible and no noise was heard.

The unit remained motionless from ten to twenty minutes and as Sam tired of watching the object he proceeded to Albuquerque making no backward glances. The temperature was about 80°F. and the

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object had no effect on the truck's operation. The incident was never formally reported to any authorities.

SECOND SIGHTING

The second sighting occurred near the Saw Tooth Mountains on US Hwy 60 about 15 miles on the east side of the Continental Divide. Pie Town, New Mexico is just west of the continental Divide on Hwy 60. The event occurred in the last week of November or the first week of December in 1958. Sam has a vague recollection as to the year being 1957 or 1958. Mt. Taylor had a good coating of snow. The day was very clear and it was about 10 a.m. The temperature was freezing and there was 3 inches of snow covering the ground.

The witnesses included Clyde Haddock, Marian Gordon (a male), and Sam Jones who were traveling together in Clyde's old Plymouth station wagon. They had gone out on a graded ranch road and were heading north at the time. Clyde was driving and all three were positioned in the front seat of the automobile. They had just driven by a volcanic dyke which was about 75 feet above the terrain and had turned southeast on a

rutted country road which was adjacent to the dyke. They were heading from a northwest to southeast tangent and had gone about a half a mile on the east side of the dyke where they had encountered a closed gate.

Sam got out to open the gate and after opening it he looked west toward the dyke about 100 feet away. He turned, witnessing a metallic object over the dyke but well beyond it. It moved toward the observers as the car pulled through the gate. Sam then called for the attention of his associates who shut off the car and got out to watch. A five-mile-an-hour breeze from the northwest was blowing according to Sam's recollection. He discussed the object with his associates and they concluded it was two jets refueling at an estimated distance of about 30 miles. The object took about 10 minutes to approach the observers and came to a 70° elevation above them.

The observers on the ground were at approximately 8,000 feet elevation at this location. The sky was bright and sunny with no clouds and snow-capped Mt. Taylor was easily visible 80 miles away.

Sam describes the two objects as being connected together with metallic beams. The two objects were of similar geometry and the lower object trailed the top object at approximately 30° to 35° from vertical. The general appearance of the objects was like the Nautilus submarine as viewed from the side. The color of the beams on the upper and lower unit were bright metallic and reflected sunlight. No discernible light sources were observed. The objects were teardrop-shaped when viewed from above or below. The approach was steady with no noise. They then turned abruptly 90° to the north. It was then that the observers saw the two beams as they had not been visible on the approach due to the shading of the upper object onto the lower object. When turning, the beams appeared square like elevator shafts and gave no appearance of openings or ports. The objects picked up velocity upon turning and traveled at a slight angle of elevation on leaving Mt. Taylor. In five seconds it disappeared to two tiny dots in the distance and appeared positioned much higher than Mt. Taylor heading on a due north course.

The witnesses were all disturbed by the sighting but no lasting psychological effects or time lapses followed this experience.

A few particulars concerning Sam's associates are: Clyde Haddock, who is now deceased for seven or eight years, lived with his mother in Socorro, New Mexico and with his sister of about 50 years. His mother and sister are both dead and were reported to have been respectable, upstanding people. Cloudcroft, New Mexico is where his family was living at that time. Marian Gordon, who currently lives in Socorro, is a World War II veteran in his late 50's. He is described as an intelligent fellow with a military

retirement. The sighting appeared to have no lasting effects or consequences on any of the three observers.

THIRD SIGHTING

For the record, I shall call this the Socorro sighting and the date of the event is determined to have occurred in the first week of April, 1967. In this sighting, Sam was not the primary witness but is in a position to describe the event because this investigator had easy access to Sam's information.

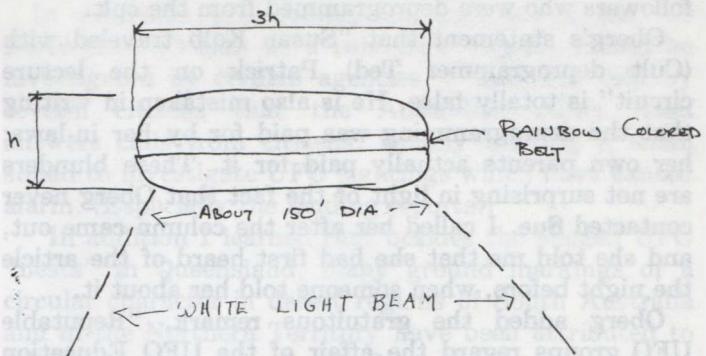
The sighting occurred over the town of Socorro, New Mexico and was first witnessed by Sam's associate whom we shall give the name of Joe Holland to maintain the requested anonymity of the primary witness. Sam first witnessed the object as it came over the horizon from the direction of Strawberry Peak. It appeared yo-yo shaped at first and of the immense size of 300 feet in diameter. A band of rainbow colors appeared around the perimeter.

It first appeared about one half way up the height of Strawberry Peak, which is about 10 miles distant. It was estimated to be traveling 10 to 20 miles an hour and headed toward the observers. About three minutes of time elapsed on the approach to the witnesses and the object was at about 1,500 feet elevation above the ground. The body color appeared a dull, dark space and solid. The object slowed and hovered above the Institute of Mining and Technology School in Socorro. It raised vertically and turned on a powerful 150 foot diameter beam of white light with a cone angle of 40°. The beam progressed to ground elevation at the school. The unit continued to ascend straight up over that location. Its relative size was about 1" diameter at the observer's arm's length. It hovered for approximately one minute above the school at 1,500 feet elevation and continued gradually ascending until it illuminated the top of the mountain (7,000 feet above sea level). It then turned off all its lights for about one minute and appeared totally dark. Then two different spurts of sparks appeared, similar to that given off by steel being forced into an emery wheel. These sparks appeared out of the air with no visible object outline and no sound.

The proportions of the object was a diameter of approximately three times the height and as previously described, a general yo-yo shaped appearance.

One of the peculiarities of this sighting was that Joe Holland predicted the coming of the object and had an uncanny perception of the unit. It was during this state that he called Sam's attention to the object before it appeared on the horizon. Both he and Sam witnessed the above event from Sam's residence in Socorro.

An aside to Holland is that he had sighted numerous units while working with the highway department around the west side of the White Sands Missile Range in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Holland's credentials, basically, at this time are believed to be a



The April, 1967, N. Mexico Sighting

degree in engineering and geology from the School of Mining Technology in Socorro. The traits and habits of Holland are generally mysterious of form and deserve a special investigation within their own merit. This investigator is requesting additional assistance in this case. If further investigation is needed, please contact Sam Jones.

See sketches of the second and third sightings.

“Yardstick”

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included the contact claim of Dr. Leopoldo Diaz, he commented "that nobody in the UFO community seems to have questioned its authenticity." This statement (as well as Oberg's ignorance of Diaz's first name) betrays his lack of familiarity with the UFO literature. The contact claim was criticized by Jerome Clark in *UFO Report [Saga]1* and by Gordon I.R. Lore, Jr., in *UFO Research Newsletter2*. Other UFO magazines and bulletins largely did not waste print on Diaz, but in private conversation and correspondence with other researchers, I did not hear anything but criticism of the contactee. UFO researchers are not as gullible as Oberg thinks.

In fact, if anyone is gullible, it is Oberg. Writing about the *National Star*'s article on Diaz, he says, "This story was apparently endorsed by leading UFO experts." Lore's article exposed as false the alleged endorsement of the Diaz contact. Oberg is always eager to try to expose claims made on behalf of UFOs, but it is too bad that when it comes to discrediting the subject, he uncritically reports false statements in sensationalistic tabloids without checking them.

Then in the October 1980 *Omni*, Oberg wrote about Susan Kolb of Kiel, Wis., who back in 1977 was deprogrammed from an Adamski contactee cult group calling itself the UFO Education Center, which is based in Valley Center, Cal. Not only does Oberg commit a couple of factual errors, he also seems to be unaware that Mrs. Kolb was only one of several

followers who were deprogrammed from the cult.

Oberg's statement that "Susan Kolb traveled with (Cult deprogrammer Ted) Patrick on the lecture circuit" is totally false. He is also mistaken in writing that the deprogramming was paid for by her in-laws; her own parents actually paid for it. These blunders are not surprising in light of the fact that Oberg never contacted Sue. I called her after the column came out, and she told me that she had first heard of the article the night before, when someone told her about it.

Oberg added the gratuitous remark, "Reputable UFO groups regard the affair of the UFO Education Center with embarrassment now that they realize it was not just another club of harmless crackpots." As with much of Oberg's writing, this is utterly without foundation. I either wrote or spoke with the heads of all three major UFO organizations — Coral and Jim Lorenzen of APRO, Mimi and Allen Hynek of CUFOS, and Walt Andrus of MUFON. They were unanimous in stating, first, that Oberg had never asked them for their reaction; second, that they were on to the UFO Education Center for a long time already; and, third, that they have no reason to be embarrassed by the outfit.

Heaven knows what (if any) was Oberg's source of information about Sue Kolb. Even the press did not commit his blunders. As a matter of fact, Oberg later sent me, unsolicited, two newspaper exposes of the UFO education Center's cultic activities. (Both articles were done as a result of my letters to the papers in question, and the more thorough investigative reporter followed up on a number of leads that I had given him.) If Oberg had really read these articles, he would have known better than to make the mistakes he did!

To the uninformed reader, James Oberg might seem to be an objective, careful researcher. But the facts speak for themselves.

Don't look for the above to appear in *Omni*. After I wrote repeatedly, editor Ben Bova finally sent an acknowledgement, in which he refused to print corrections for Oberg's column, on the grounds that "I'm afraid that we receive many more (Letters to the editor) than we can possibly publish." Thank goodness editors of most UFO publications are not afraid to run corrections, including explanations of past "UFOs." I think that this clearly shows who has the more scientific, open-minded attitude — ufologists or the UFO scoffers.

1. *UFO Report*, Nov. 1978, p. 13.
2. *UFO Research Newsletter*, July-August 1978, pp. 3-4.

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BOOK REVIEWS

CASEBOOK OF A UFO INVESTIGATOR,
by Raymond E. Fowler. Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. 246 pages. \$10.95

This book provides a rare opportunity to view the work of a veteran investigator, covering the complete modern era of ufology from 1947 to the present. *Casebook of a UFO Investigator* is Raymond Fowler's personal memoir. The reader can feel the emotions that consumed Ray at the age of 14, locking him into a lifetime of detailed investigations, sorting fact from fiction during a time in which the United States was joining the Jet-age.

The novice as well as the seasoned UFO investigator can gain from the personalized discussions about the growth of the 'cover-up,' the exemplary application of the scientific method to the evaluation of UFO data by Dr. James McDonald, and Ray's own growth as an investigator. His details of the Incident at Exeter, N.H., point out the need for the investigator to question all data and not accept "answers," even from supposedly accurate sources. For example, Project Bluebook provided a story about the Strategic Air Command exercises over New Hampshire, a story accepted by some people as the true explanation of the Exeter sightings. However, some critical checking of the facts showed that the alleged Air Force aircraft were not even airborne at the time of the incident.

The chapter on experienced witnesses dispels the old theory that only unreliable individuals observe UFOs. Ray provides the details of an analysis of local cases he personally investigated. His statistics cover the age, educational level and profession of the witnesses. The results were comparable to the national samples in that the young to middle-age groups, with better than average education, and responsible jobs were the prime witnesses of UFO incidents. The chapter goes on to describe how the honest, childlike descriptions shared by children can be valuable to the investigator and important to the parents of small children that have a UFO experience. The careful questioning of a six-year-old Bingham, Maine girl revealed details of a humanoid close encounter case, a case not unlike dozens of others in the archives.

The book has its sections on wild goose chases and identifiable flying objects, with situations that most investigators will encounter sooner or later. However, the chapter on consistent characteristics of real UFOs brings the whole mystery into focus. It begins by admitting to the reality of the mystery. Then the details of hundreds of cases are drawn together to provide a shopping list of important characteristics. It all starts with a classification according to physical

configurations, and then proceeds to cover maneuvers, strange effects such as radiation, electromagnetic, sound, light, smell, etc., and concludes with coverage of humanoid and landing cases. After reviewing these details it is easy to understand why Ray remains a dedicated investigator.

Casebook of a UFO Investigator is unique in that it doesn't waste time alluding to the serious nature of the UFO situation. It provides the names, dates, and places. Anyone can go back over the material and check the facts. The result is a fine book for the casual reader, as well as the seasoned investigator. "Where do we go from here?" is the title of the last chapter in the book. The answer is supplied and for my money it is worth the price of the book.

John Schuessler

MISSING TIME, Budd Hopkins

Richard Marek Publishers, New York, 1981, \$12.95.

Noted artist, Budd Hopkins' interest in ufology began subsequent to his viewing a UFO over Cape Cod in 1964. Written in vividly flowing style, this book details the abductions of 5 individuals as recalled through hypnotic regression. Mr. Hopkins, Dr. Aphrodite Clamar (psychotherapist), and the abductees have shared some very emotional experiences! Prior to hypnosis, these people had no clear recollection of abduction, yet more than one had apparently been abducted in childhood and again as young adults.

The author, who makes every effort to document his cases, suggests that since people are not allowed to remember, many hundreds or thousands more may have been unknowingly abducted; that the purpose of such abduction is presently unknown, not "evilintentioned" but "indifferent" on the part of the abductors. Mr. Hopkins believes that governments have an obligation to prepare the public for extraterrestrial presence in order to prevent future panic and economic disruption; that the U.N. should create an open, official investigative branch and central repository for UFO material and that some effort should be made to communicate with UFO occupants in order to gauge their intentions.

Anne Bletchman, M.S.W., 7/81

CREEGAN IN AUSTRALIA

Immediately following the UFOOhio Symposium, Dr. Robert Creegan, APRO's consultant in philosophy, and his son journeyed to Australia and the following are excerpts from the letter we received from him following his return:

In Australia I confirmed the position of the Air Force (RAAF) that as a rule UFO reports should be investigated by civilian agencies. I also was told by several citizens that the Australian Army itself answers calls from citizens, usually sending a small squad to investigate UFO sightings which have caused alarm. (Especially the landing reports.)

"In addition I learned that besides the alleged UFO "nests" in Queensland, many ground markings of a circular character in desert regions of South Australia and of the Northern Territory have been attributed to UFOs. In fact, near Leigh Creek in South Australia (where our group was in "bush camp") we found circular markings a few meters in diameter which some interpreted in those terms. I could make no firm judgement as to the cause. While some thought that two-wheeled vehicles could be responsible, most Australians thought that changing alignments of front and rear wheels could not have been so totally concealed, nor could the lack of apparent track to or from the circles be accounted for in such terms, given the conditions of the soil. Since necessities of our so-called "safari" made it necessary to move on without time for thorough study, I report this only in illustration of Australian interest in such problems."

(Editor's note: Several years ago, certain areas of Australia, particularly rural areas, became the object of interest because of the sudden and unexplained appearance of circles of flattened vegetation which were soon dubbed "nests." It is these areas to which Dr. Creegan alludes.)

SPRINKLE APPEARS ON "THAT'S INCREDIBLE"

Dr. Leo Sprinkle, one of APRO's Consultants in Psychology informed APRO Headquarters in late September that he had journeyed to Los Angeles to be filmed along with Betty Cash and Vicki Landrum (See Page one, Volume 29, Issue No. 8) in connection with their experience with a UFO in December, 1980. Dr. Sprinkle does not have a firm date when the show will be aired, but those of you who are interested, might watch the listings in the TV Guide or your local newspaper for that information. It is our experience, however, that these shows are filmed weeks and sometimes months ahead of the actual viewing date, so it is just possible that some of us may be able to learn what a show of that sort does with good available UFO data.

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UFOS AND WORLD HISTORY

By Robert F. Creegan, Ph.D.
APRO Consultant in Philosophy

The great stream of information coming through UFO reports given by persons of all walks of life all over the world must have a profound effect upon the immediate future of world history. This is the conclusion to which I have been attracted as a result of interviewing official and amateur investigators of the reports on three continents: North America (both USA and Canada) and Europe (principally Great Britain and France) and Australia. My own reading and field investigating incidental to a course on *Borders of Science* which I have conducted at State University of New York at Albany each semester since 1972, point in the same direction. Reports of strange objects in the atmosphere and in near space are rich in compelling information content, and may prove to be pivotal for human destiny in an age which increasingly seems to be one of panic.

One dimension of the UFO impact, I am sorry to say, is the most obvious. That is the influence of reports on military technology. The capacity of UFOs to become quickly invisible and evasive to radar which has often been reported has been a principal stimulus to the development of so called "stealth aircraft." The small cruise missile's development also owes a lot to UFO reports. Far more basic, however, is the massive international rivalry in the search for the hypothetical "gravity drive" or other method of achieving vehicle acceleration with a minimum of adverse inertial effects, and to achieve silent flight at high velocity. These matters account for the obviously frantic efforts at "cover up" on the part of security agencies.

A far happier dimension of report influence is related to the amazing changes in personality and personal capacity which have followed in the lives of some UFO witnesses as a result of liberating experiences when those are reported frankly. The psychologist, R. Leo Sprinkle, (APRO's Consultant in Psychology) has written on that topic, as has the French scientist-linguist Aime Michel. Ordinary people have assumed extraordinary responsibilities for the cause of peace in private lives and in the life of nations.

Speaking of "ordinary people," it must be concluded also that a really dazzling type of information is implicit to the fact that most reports are owed to those who have no special status or privilege jealously to defend. As a matter of fact, most of the so called "establishment" in science, religion and government seem to be unhappy about the growing UFO evidence and its massive impact on the public. If intelligence

other than and perhaps superior to the human is indeed involved, as seems more and more likely, the incapacity of the establishment to make formal contact has been embarrassing. And the apparent indifference of the sources to all the insignia of human prestige has been deemed to be practically insulting. As indicated above, however, the establishment has been able to scavenge bits and pieces of information from the reports, mostly related to the search for military success. The more creative dimension of change has been achieved through the responses of persons who do not defend prestigious offices, though there may be some brilliant exceptions to that rule.

Where there is an influx of information with constructive potentials, one must postulate reality of some important kind in the source or sources of such information. It is claimed that the process is of world historical importance. This does not mean that when we make the claim we know much else about the nature of the sources. UFO reports, like the various stimuli to which they are responses, remain most mysterious, and certainly this writer while attracted to the extra-terrestrial hypothesis, has not solved the mystery. A large amount of so called "misinformation" is being published and spoken about UFO questions, and perhaps some of that is officially inspired. One would avoid if possible all the unfounded claims. Only the claim that there is a great stream of information having world historical impact is made here, and is made without any additional claims to special knowledge. Even so, we have made a fairly large claim about our subject of study which is the UFO reports. Implicit to these, taken as a whole, is information of pivotal importance for life on earth, some of which seems to be alarming, while other appears promising and favorable to survival and creative action.

PRESS REPORTS

By Doris and Joe Graziano

CALIFORNIA Summer [date unknown], 1975 — Sequoia National Park...John Clark and his friend, Ralph Johnson, were suddenly awakened by John's dog barking during the night. They bolted upright in their sleeping bags and saw something about 9 feet tall "gliding" silently by.

Clark isn't sure whether it was covered with long blonde hair or whether it was wearing something that gave that appearance. He got a profile but could not make out a face. He saw more when he was recently hypnotized by Dr. James Harder, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley.

Under hypnosis, Clark remembered "yellow eyes with black slits" and being in a triangular-shaped room while he was examined with tubes that were stuck painlessly into his arm and stomach. Before

hypnosis, all he could remember was running from it that night. Several unusual things have happened to Clark in the ensuing years that he attributes to whatever it was he encountered that night.

May 6, 1981 — Kent... Shortly after nightfall, Joanne Baron and Caroline Johnston were walking ahead of two friends along Keston Ponds when they spotted a strange object. "It had neither animal nor human qualities and was moving slowly towards us across the water," said Caroline. "It seemed to be wearing a long, pointed hat of dark material, and may have been covered by a dark cloak. Round the lower half of its body was a circle of small lights."

Joanne compared it to "a poltergeist that had illuminated the lower half of its body." As it continued to move forward, the girls ran off to find their friends but when they looked back, the object had disappeared.

May 28, 1981 — Arkengarthdale... Clark Stones was looking around his farm with his wife, Greta, and a friend, Stan Watson, about 10 a.m. when he saw an object about 150 yards away in the corner of a field. The object appeared to be oval, about 2 feet across and 6 inches deep and seemed to have tags on the bottom. It was solid, had no windows and was moving backwards and forwards about 2 feet off the ground.

Stones asked Watson to go and have a closer look while he watched from a gully. When Watson got about 50 yards away, the object lifted 5 or 6 feet into the air and moved 20 yards across the field. It then moved straight up into the air, almost vertically, at about 5 to 10 mph.

ALABAMA June 2, 1981 — Florence... Eight eyewitnesses said a "ball of fire" that looked like a burning airplane or helicopter crossed Highway 20 about 8 miles north about 3:30 p.m. when he saw the mysterious ball of fire. He said, "It was on fire and it was smoking and it looked like an airplane."

C.G. Stacy was riding south when he saw the ball of fire. He said he saw a big ball of fire and then a "big parachute" came out, followed by the "sound of an explosion." Kilpatrick said he did not see a parachute.

Officials conducted a massive air and ground search for possible wreckage of an aircraft. The search was called off about 7:30 p.m. because nothing other than about 8 eyewitness accounts, could be found.

Shirley Gean said she saw an object exactly one week before the June 2 report which also gave the impression of being on fire. Her sighting was made at 11 p.m. and the object was described as "reddish pink" with a "lighter shade of red inside a cylinder area."

PENNSYLVANIA June 24, 1981 — Butler... Cheryl and Bruce Hopkins were waiting out a thunderstorm at Moraine State Park about 3:30 a.m. when they spotted brilliant lights hovering about 5 feet off the ground. The lights were described as brilliant red and

green stationary and flashing white lights.

They watched the lights for about 20 seconds and then there was a violent crash of thunder and lightning which seemed to envelope the entire cove. Just as quickly, the mysterious lights were gone. Both recall a very audible "buzzing" sound the entire time they observed the lights.

SOUTHEAST UNITED STATES June 24, 1981... About 1:30 p.m. residents in areas of both Carolinas and Georgia were startled by a noise described as sounding like a sonic boom, an explosion or an earthquake. The sound shook houses in Charlotte, N.C. and prompted calls to police in Gaffney, Greenville and Spartanburg, S.C. and Gastonia and Monroe, N.C.

No supersonic commercial or military aircraft were reported in the area. A NASA spokesman said they had no launches or anything that could have caused it. The National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colorado, reported no noticeable seismic activity in the area.

At 12:36 p.m., the seismological observatory at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va. recorded something very similar to an earthquake. Had it been an earthquake, it would have registered about 3.0 on the Richter Scale, but it wasn't an earthquake. A spokesman believed it may have been from an unusually large mining blast in Kentucky, but added that it would have been impossible to have heard it on the east coast.

According to the National Weather Service the sound was not caused by atmospheric conditions. Similar blasts have shaken the Carolina coast off and on for the past several years, but were never explained.

NEW JERSEY July 6, 1981 — Chatham... A young boy called the police at 9:43 p.m. to report an unusual object hovering in the sky. Twelve other calls followed during the next 20 minutes, placing the object over different areas of the town.

Chatham special Policeman Dennis McCabe watched the object through binoculars and described a red light which moved slowly and then stopped. It remained in his sight for approximately 10 minutes before growing smaller, turning white and disappearing.

Simultaneously, Madison Police Lt. Frank Wulff said he saw a pulsating orange glow in the sky. Sgt. Joseph Markovich of the Madison Police also reported sighting what he called a very slow moving plane.

Barbie Johnson and Lisa Martin watched a fiery red object which sat on the horizon for about 10 minutes. They said it was 3 or 4 times larger than a normal star with what looked like two legs, risers or rays extending from it. As they ran to notify neighbors, the object turned white and disappeared.

Robert Kolloch described the object as rectangular in shape and "clay red" in color. He agreed with his

neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Mastin, that the object was very high in the sky. All of the witnesses reported that the object turned white just before disappearing.

July 10, 1981 — Midland park... Debra Vinci reported that she saw an object shrouded in red and green lights hovering about 25 feet above a church at approximately 1:20 a.m. When she stepped out of her car to get a closer look, the object quickly rose and disappeared into the sky. No further description of the object was given.

IOWA July 22, 1981 — Muscatine... Shortly after midnight, Randy Reynolds saw a "large orange disc" which changed shape as it flew, disappearing and reappearing in a cone shape. About three hours later, a toll taker at the Norbert F. Beckey Bridge also saw an object.

The toll taker's description of the object matched that of Reynolds', except that the object "made a whizzing sound" as it flew. The "whizzing" sound reportedly was heard by police officers patrolling in the area. One other unidentified person also reported seeing a disc over the river.

Shortly before the sighting, a power outage was reported on Muscatine's south side. Clyde Bowen, manager of the Muscatine Power and Water Co., said a raccoon got into some electrical equipment, temporarily shorting out a circuit.

SCIENTIFIC UFO STUDY IN MISSOURI

On the night of February 21, 1973, Clearwater High School Basketball coach, Reg Bone, and five players encountered a bright light on a lonely road when returning from a tournament in Piedmont, Missouri. The light followed their car and then hovered over a nearby field. The witnesses could clearly distinguish 4 intense amber, green and white lights coming from the object. Without a sound, the object rose straight up in the air and disappeared over a hill at a high rate of speed.

This incident triggered the curiosity of Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, chairman of the physics department at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, who began a seven year research quest into the origin and nature of UFOs. With his knowledge of physics and expertise at using various types of electronic surveillance equipment, Rutledge set up what is believed to be one of the first truly scientific studies of UFOs conducted in the U.S.

During his research, he interviewed scores of persons who had first hand encounters and studied hundreds of sightings and actual photographs of the "strange lights" seen frequently in the area. Rutledge and his team of student scientific researchers conducted a systematic study of UFOs using telescopes, camera equipment, techtronic spectrum analyzers to measure electromagnetic disturbances, equipment to detect

radio frequency emissions and infrared film to detect heat emissions.

Rutledge has concluded that there can only be three possible explanations for the UFO phenomenon. One is the extra-terrestrial theory that the crafts are from another planet and guided by alien creatures. The second is that UFOs are a paranormal or supernatural phenomenon. The third theory is what Rutledge calls the religious interpretation; that UFOs are some form of signal from God that a significant event is about to take place.

One of the peculiar things that Rutledge and his team noted was the strange "interaction" between UFOs and UFO watchers. At times, the observers said they felt the presence of UFOs when none were immediately visible. A second or so later, a "pseudostar" would blink on in the sky. At other times, researchers felt they were being observed, perhaps even listened to by whatever it is inside the UFO.

"One thing is certain," said Rutledge, "there is an intelligence behind UFOs equal to man or better. The complete results of his seven-year probe can be found in "Project Identification," a 265 page book published by Prentice Hall.

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FOLLOW-UP

By Coral E. Lorenzen

The Volume 29, Issue No. 8 *Bulletin* carried an account of the Cash-Landrum case on Page 1. Since that report was published we have received word from John Scheussler, the primary investigator, that in his opinion, ionizing and photon radiation were responsible for the injuries (burns, eye problems, loss of hair, nausea, lack of appetite) suffered by the three witnesses.

There are still other questions about that case which remain unanswered, such as the identity of the helicopters which appeared to accompany (or even "escort") the object in question. There are few possibilities which would account for them: (1) The "object" was a military exercise which had gotten out of control. This brings up the question: Where is the nearest testing ground and why was it allowed to go so far beyond the boundaries of the test facility and into a densely populated area? (2) The "helicopters" were not helicopters as we know them, at all, but some sort of companion ships to the large object (no identifying marks were observed by the witnesses) and our records show that "mystery" helicopters have been seen and/or heard in the vicinity of other reported UFO sightings. (3) The object was a true "UFO", the US Military was aware of this (and, indeed, might even have been in communication with it) and the helicopters were "herding" the thing out of the area.

This is pure speculation, and there's more where that comes from. So keep tuned, folks. . . . We'll be back!